

Letter from Ellis Thomas.

W. E. Thomas, Jr., of the Medical Detachment, Headquarters of 30th Division, under date of Oct. 3rd, has the following extracts to his parents:

"This 30th Division is a highly mobile one as you probably concluded from our numerous moves, we having moved twice recently, only stopping long enough at our last place to take a big part in a Drive against the Hun. We took every objective, captured numerous guns and prisoners and advanced our lines several miles beyond the so-called 'impregnable' Hindenburg line. It was SOME drive and the boys from Carolina, Tennessee and New York covered themselves with glory. I saw some doughboys bringing in prisoners with a look of pride that could only come from conquering heroes. Some of them captured 20 or more each. I saw one boy who said he had killed 24 and captured 21. The ones undergo the most suffering, run the biggest risks and deserve the most credit are the doughboys.

"The Y. M. C. A. huts are a blessing to the boys. A few days ago they got in a supply of ordinary stick candy—and my, but it went like hot cakes!

"The whole area through which we travel is entirely devastated. It will be years before it can be cultivated, so numerous are the unexploded shells. The shell holes often 80 feet deep by 50 wide. I recently saw a civilian cemetery with the graves all ploughed up by bombs and shells.

"Have seen a lot of Australians. They make fine soldiers; appear to average six feet, and weigh 180 pounds. Their large hats resemble our old-time campaign hats.

"The end of this war seems near. I have an idea that the peace move on Bulgaria's part had its beginning in Austria and probably secretly in Germany.

"Looks like a home-coming for many of us before long. Have just received my card and am sending it to you. Send me anything you like, but preferably something sweet to eat, cake or candy. Fruit cake soaked in wine or brandy would be delicious."

Lt. John Hall Writes.

The following letter to Rev. J. H. Hall, from his son, Lt. John H. Hall, Jr., dated Oct. 9th, is of interest. He is in Co. A, 1st Pioneer infantry, France.

"Very chilly over here, especially at 5:30 when we roll out of bed. Am just now living in an unique structure, that was less than two weeks ago a German 'pill box.' It is made of flinty concrete, is 8x8, and walls and roof are four feet thick; a narrow slit in each wall for machine guns. The surrounding country is literally one shellhole after another, as a result of being No Man's Land for over four years. None of the trees are alive and all are either broken or charred trunks. Frequent zig-zagged barbed wire fences strung on the hill-sides catches the eye and gives one the impression of a nasty, jagged cut on a human body. The things we see are wonderful, varying in the kinds and degree of wonder they excite. The horizon at night is lighted by the flashes from the batteries as they open with messages to Fritz. And then the sight of 125 and more of American planes in the air at once, going towards the front with a 'few more messages' to Fritz is enough to cause the stoniest heart to beat with pride and joy. I am beyond the novice stage, and yet cannot help looking aloft when such a procession passes. Was busy with my men a few days ago when glancing up I saw our four-starred Gen. Pershing riding by; needless to say I clicked and saluted as never before in my young life.

"..... Richmond county jail looks more attractive to me than any chateaux of the wealthiest European nobleman."

In Memory—

Rachel McCroskey.

On Oct. 25th, 1918, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Rosa McCroskey, and took their loving daughter, Rachel. She was the youngest child and the sunshine of the family.

She leaves an aged mother, two brothers and four sisters to mourn her loss. I can say as one who knew her: Cheer up for they are not like one without hope. Yes, I knew Rachel. She was kind, loving and always ready to lend a helping hand. I lived a door neighbor to her. How often she visited my nephew and always with fresh flowers and how it would cheer him.

This summer twelve months ago my niece lay low with typhoid fever and Rachel came to see her. Rebecca didn't know her; with streaming tears Rachel stood by her bed. It looked like it was breaking her heart to see her so sick, and couldn't speak. As soon as my niece was able to notice loving Rachel came with her smiling face, and loving disposition to cheer us all.

I can't hold my tears when I think Rachel is dead. Died with that dreadful disease, typhoid fever. How gladly we would have gone to see her, and oh how I wish I could have helped wait on her. It would have been a pleasure.

Rachel is gone but not forgotten. Cheer up, mother, brothers, and sisters. Rachel will be at the beautiful gates waiting and watching for you.

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Company K of Randolph.

Company K of Randolph county went into the Cambrai fight Sept. 29th with 208 men and came out with only 67. The following is clipped from the Greensboro Daily News of Monday, and will be read with interest:

"The loss to the members of company K of Randolph county, formerly national guardsmen, of the 120th infantry regiment of the 30th, the Old Hickory, division, in the fearful battle of Cambrai, September 29, 1918, when the 30th division first broke the Hindenburg line was fearful. Of the 208 members of company K who went into battle, only 67 came back after going over the top.

Some of those killed were: Captain Dixon, who, after being wounded three times and shot through his head, crawled with his men, rallying them at every step. His first lieutenant, H. W. Walker, was severely wounded and gassed later in the day at the head of another squad or platoon of men, and is now in a London hospital. Top Sergt. Tom McDowell, also of Asheboro, was killed soon after Captain Dixon at the head of his men. Sergt. Ernest Bunting, of Asheboro, was wounded, while Corp. Jake Brown was killed, as were also Sergeants William Forrester, of Ramseur, and Hal Richardson, of Star, and Private John Kivett, of Asheboro. Sergt. Rufus Routh, of Worthville, is in a Portsmouth hospital with both arms and one leg broken, while many others have not been heard from. Serg. Frank Steed writes on October 6 that he, Dallas Langley and Colon Bunting are all that came back of those who were with him. He tells how he captured eight Germans alone and without aid, as the battle was closing.

Sergt. James O. Walker was one who came out without a scratch, as did John Brown and Walter Brown, two of the three Brown brothers over there, all brothers of Edgar Brown, Moore county. Lieut. Clarence J. Lovett, son of Mrs. M. L. Lovett, Asheboro, is also another who came out without a scratch, also George and Harris Birkhead, sons of Sheriff Birkhead.

Eugene Chisholm, of Ramseur, brother of John H. Chisholm, Asheboro, writes a very interesting letter to his brother extracts of which follow:

"I am feeling well, considering what I have been through with for the past two weeks. To tell the truth, I feel lucky to be living. Lots of the home boys have given their lives in the last big battle, but all died for a good cause. The United States ought to be proud of them. Perhaps our greatest loss was Captain Dixon. He was a father to us boys. I never expect to find another man who will take the interest in the boys he took. The place we took was the strongest place on the Hindenburg line. The English, French, Scotch and Canadians had tried different times to take the place, but failed. The place where we were was over 100 miles off and we expected to stay there, but General Pershing sent us there to take this strong point. He said he felt sure we could do it, and we did. That Hindenburg line is some line. I wish you could see it.

"Just before going into battle, Captain Dixon lined his men up and talked to them almost an hour and said, 'We are going to take this place if there is only one man left when we get there.' He said he had no hopes of coming out alive, and he made his will and left a note to be sent to his mother. He only got about half way and was wounded three times before he was killed, but kept right on going until a bullet went through his head that caused his death. The last words he said were, 'Go on, boys, I am with you.'

"Sergeant Forrester, Sergeant McDowell and many others were killed; you will see account of it in the paper long before this reaches you."

New Baptist Church of The Pee Dees.

The Church has slowly and gradually been going up, but there is now, however, a present cessation we hope will not long continue. And it will not, if those who have subscribed will make immediate payment of their subscriptions. Furthermore, it is necessary for others to subscribe, as it is utterly impossible to finish it without more subscriptions. It is estimated that six hundred dollars will equip the church for service.

Here are some more contributors: Mr. Claude Gore has given \$65.00; Mr. W. E. Harrison, \$25.00; Mr. L. A. Dunn, \$23.25; Mr. T. L. Becknell, \$6.00; Mr. A. H. Farmer, \$5.00; and Archie Phifer has done the building gratuitously. The Post-Dispatch has also helped to build this house; its donation is its free columns.

If there is any other chance, we do not desire to ask our friends to repeat their liberality for this cause; but we do want those who have yet not paid anything, and—! might include—those who have scarcely paid anything to respond the first opportunity. Then, you see, no one will be pinched.

Accept our thanks, friends, for your hearty co-operation in this Godly enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Melton

Influenza Daily Reports.

The daily record of new cases as reported to Dr. Maness for the entire county is:

Oct. 15th.....	220
Oct. 16th.....	144
Oct. 17th.....	161
Oct. 18th.....	112
Oct. 19th.....	79
Oct. 20th.....	68
Oct. 21st.....	69
Oct. 22nd.....	79
Oct. 23rd.....	77
Oct. 24th.....	66
Oct. 25th.....	68
Oct. 26th.....	44
Oct. 27th.....	34
Oct. 28th.....	31
Oct. 29th.....	24
Oct. 30th.....	21
Oct. 31st.....	36
Nov. 1st.....	15
Nov. 2nd.....	6
Nov. 3rd.....	6
Nov. 4th.....	8
Nov. 5th.....	1
Nov. 6th.....	8

The daily record of new cases reported for Rockingham:

Oct. 20.....	2
Oct. 21.....	6
Oct. 22.....	3
Oct. 23.....	8
Oct. 24.....	11
Oct. 25.....	10
Oct. 26.....	2
Oct. 27.....	1
Oct. 28.....	3
Oct. 29.....	2
Oct. 30.....	3
Oct. 31st.....	3
Nov. 1st.....	0
Nov. 2nd.....	0
Nov. 3rd.....	0
Nov. 4th.....	0
Nov. 5th.....	0
Nov. 6th.....	0

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Chief of Police Greenville, S. C.

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